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I have read and followed the case on and off through the months. I have not read the entire proposed settlement but I will give you my two thoughts on the matter for starters.

- I believe that it is a good thing for our lives, to keep microsoft together, one company, doing the many things that they do best. And that dividing the company in any degree, would be a solution that just pleases certain people, but does not solve anything and probably makes it worse.
- However, I agree with Apple computer spokespeople 100%, that microsoft should not be allowed to pay fees to the court, by flooding the education market "schools, libraries, etc.", with "free" computers, in essence, doing something they have not been able to do through sales, which is to infringe on that market. Allowing them to do so, would tie schools into using their software, their upgrades, for decades, and would further empower them as a monopoly, taking away from the market power of competitive hardware and software companies, like Apple, and Sun.

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